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Pilot program preventing vandalism at comfort stations to commence May 25

LĪHU'E – In an effort to curb illegal activities in public restrooms, the Department of Parks and Recreation will commence a pilot program starting May 25 to close comfort stations nightly at Keālia Kai, Keālia Beach, and the Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

“This pilot program will help us to eliminate continued acts of vandalism and other illegal activities that have been occurring at our park comfort stations, particularly during overnight hours,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. “Preventing damage to our comfort stations ensures that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy our parks, and ultimately lessens the burden on our taxpayers.”

The Lihi Park comfort station is currently closed due to septic system repairs. Once it is operational, it will be added to the closure list.

In 2018, there were 71 reported cases of vandalism – which included broken fixtures, damage to doors and walls, foreign objects in plumbing lines, and graffiti – in comfort stations at Keālia Kai, Keālia Beach, the Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex, and Lihi Park.

To report suspicious activity, please call Police Dispatch at 241-1711.

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